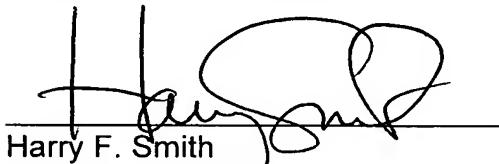


REMARKS

This amendment adds headings to the specification and further clarifies certain of the claims, in addition to removing reference numbers. The amendment was not made for reasons related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claims, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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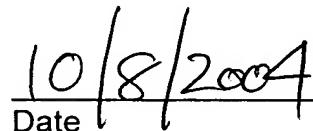
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